

**EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE  
COORDINATING COUNCIL  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**JUNE 30, 2021**

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## Agenda

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

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**Review of May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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**News from the RIEC4**

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**Discussion of June 3rd Presentation to EC4 and  
Review of Climate Justice Priorities**

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**Discussion of Dashboard for the Act on Climate**

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**Other Business/Announcements**

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**Public Comment**

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**Future Meetings**

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# REVIEW MINUTES

# REPORT FROM EC4

# EC4 ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT TO EC4  
JUNE 3, 2021

## EC4AB Future Priorities

- Continue review of Climate Justice Goals
- Review of dashboards for Act on Climate implementation
- Other Act on Climate implementation
- Climate justice and anti-racism training
- Connect with other state climate programs (MRP, Tree Equity)
- Develop annual report

## 21 PEOPLE SURVEYED

YOUTH ORGANIZATION,  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
GROUPS, ENGINEERS,  
MUNICIPAL LEADERS,  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
LEADERS, DEVELOPERS,  
PLANNERS, FOOD AND  
FISHERIES,  
SUSTAINABILITY  
LEADERS

7 Interviewers

Interviewees:  
2 women of color

12 white women

7 white men

INTERVIEWEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF ORGANIZATIONS  
WHICH SHOULD BE  
INCLUDED IN  
REVIEWING THE  
STATE'S CLIMATE  
JUSTICE PRIORITIES

- Advocacy organizations (NAACP)
- Municipal leaders: League of Cities & Towns, local elected officials, boards and commissions (Newport Energy and Environment Commission, Providence ESTF), the American Planning Association RI Chapter
- Emergency management officials (RI Association of Emergency Managers, RIEMA, PEMA)
- RIPTA users, transit advocates, bike/ped advocates
- Housing justice groups, housing equity, homelessness advocates
- Organizations representing people with low-incomes and people of color (e.g., Progreso Latino)
- Trade/technical schools, environmental education groups
- Environmental justice community members across the state (REJC, Wiley Center, One Square World, Health Equity Zones)
- Youth organizations (Youth In Action, Movement Education Outdoors)
- Environmental organizations (New England Grassroots Environment Fund, WRWC, Save The Bay, Clean Ocean Access, Audubon, Save Bristol Harbor)
- Food sovereignty groups, food policy advocates, farmers
- Workforce development organizations (Groundwork RI)
- First nations
- Academic partners

# EARLY THEMES

Provide clear definitions, values, acknowledgements and principles

Prioritize this work with staffing and training

Meet people where they are

Proceed at the pace of trust

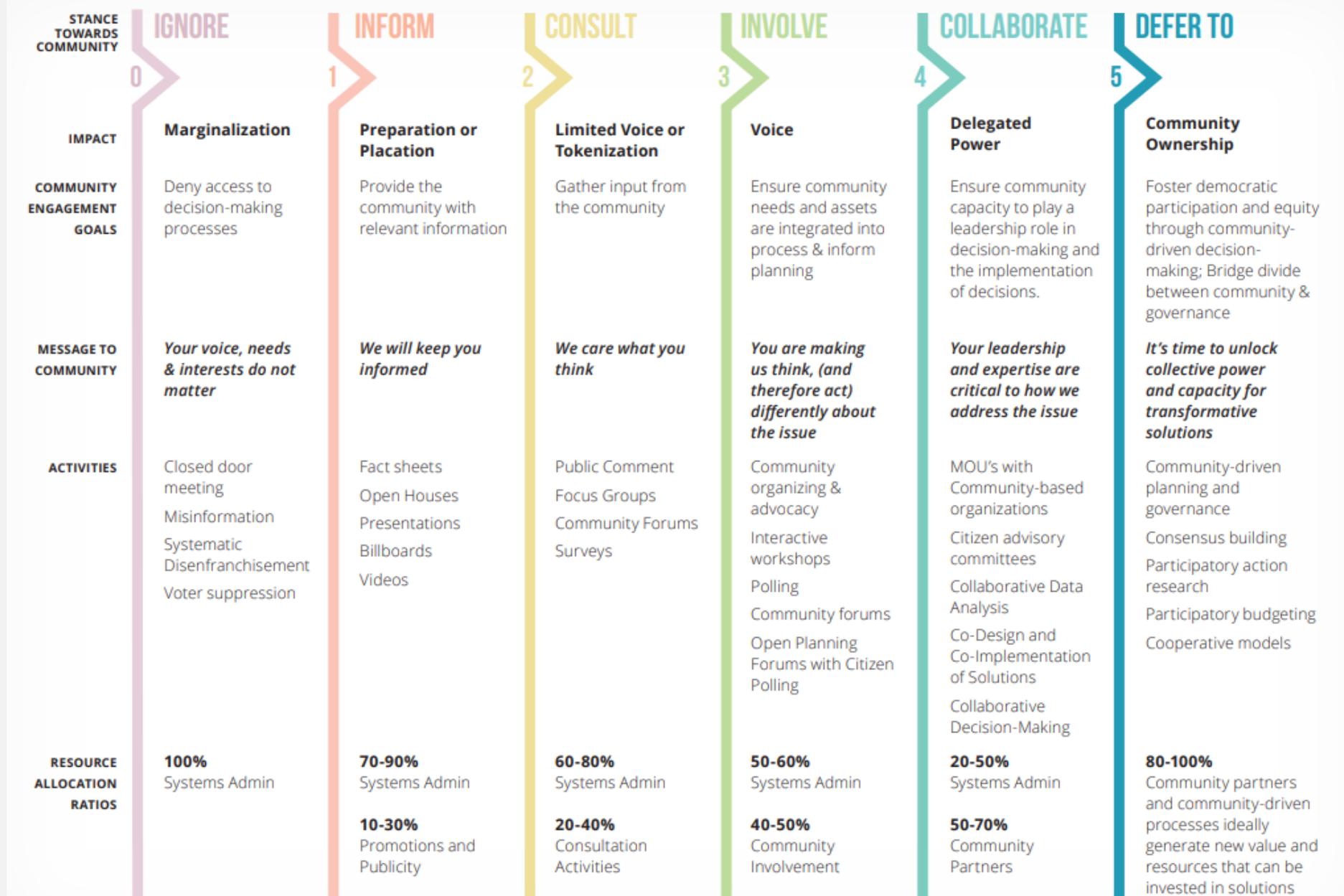
Address cumulative impacts  
Acknowledge and rectify

Representation matters on state boards and decision-making groups

Partner with community-based organizations and compensate them

Move toward collaborative governance with environmental justice communities

▶▶▶▶▶ INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN DECISION-MAKING AND SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION ▶▶▶▶▶ EQUITY



# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Long term structural and systemic forces at play
- Limitations of the role of the Advisory Board
- Engage expertise needed to center marginalized communities most affected by climate injustice
- Advertise broadly for candidates to appoint to the Advisory Board
- Leverage federal investments and private resources
- Align within and across existing state programs to advance climate justice
- Apply the themes broadly across state government
- Mobilize at a scale adequate to the challenge

STRATEGY TO FINALIZE  
REVIEW OF  
DRAFT CLIMATE JUSTICE  
PRIORITIES

# DASHBOARD FOR ACT ON CLIMATE

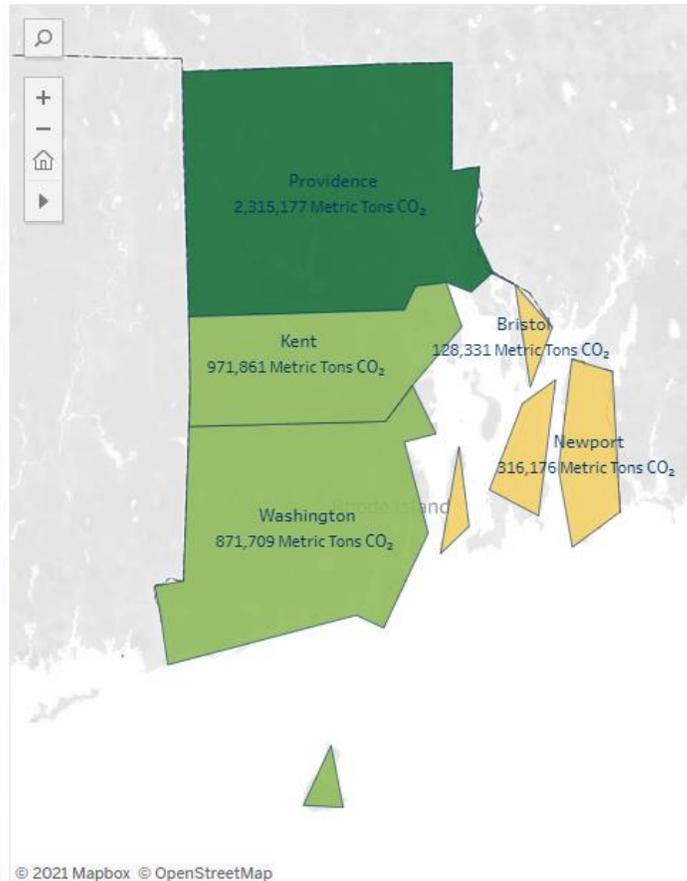
## ACT ON CLIMATE DASHBOARD REQUIREMENT

- Foster public transparency by developing public metrics and an online public dashboard that shall track both emissions reductions and sources of energy consumed by the state.
- The metrics and the dashboard shall be updated at least annually.



## Transportation Emissions by County

Year: 2005



## RI in the Fight Against Climate Change: A Snapshot

Rhode Island is working to combat climate change on many fronts, and this dashboard is designed to highlight a handful of key metrics.



CLEAN ENERGY



# 93%

toward the goal of increasing RI's clean energy tenfold by 2020

### WHY IT MATTERS

A 400MW offshore wind farm can produce approximately one-quarter of all the electricity used by Rhode Islanders annually – without contributing to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions.

[Learn more](#)



CLEAN CARS



# 582%

Electric vehicles in Rhode Island have **increased 582% from 2015 to the end of 2020**. There are now 3,028 electric vehicles in Rhode Island.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Electric vehicles (EVs) are powered by electricity, which as an energy source is cleaner than gas. They produce less pollution than a conventional gas-powered vehicle. Reduced harmful tail-pipe pollutants is good news for our health; better air quality will lead to fewer health problems and costs caused by air pollution.

[Learn more](#)

# OTHER BUSINESS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE  
MEETINGS  
LAST  
WEDNESDAYS  
OF THE  
MONTH  
10:30-NOON

- July 28
- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November/December - TBD

Meeting materials will be posted  
on the EC4 Advisory Board webpage

[climatechange.ri.gov/state-actions/ec4/ec4-council/advisory-board.php](https://climatechange.ri.gov/state-actions/ec4/ec4-council/advisory-board.php)

# PUBLIC COMMENT

- PLEASE COME ON VIDEO OR TYPE COMMENTS IN THE CHAT -

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